

COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE BUDGET

Recommendation For S.T. And I. Investigation

THINGS WORSE THAN WAR

Washington, Mar. 30. President Truman said last night that the United States would talk peace with any country, but that it would not see the "honor of any countries debauched".

The President, who was addressing a large audience of Greek-Americans, continued: "This country does not want and has never wanted war, but there are several things worse than war, including slavery".—Reuter.

Japanese Strike Called Off

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Japanese Government communications workers called off their scheduled 24-hour nationwide walkout in face of General MacArthur's strike ban, but termed the SCAP action "unfair" and "throwing a dark cloud on Japan's labour movement".

The Japan-wide strike has been cancelled but workers will continue their wage demands until their wage demands are met. A 24-hour communications strike is at present under way in Nagoya and other districts of Western Honshu.

Taking their cue from Tokyo's strike, tramway operators, bakers, reached a "compromise" and agreed to start surface transportation today after a four-day walkout.

Unlike the first general strike, personally issued by General MacArthur 14 months ago, this ban is in the form of a memorandum by the chief of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section.

SCAP's Labour chief said there was "no obstacle" to the communications workers making new wage demands once the present problem is settled.

This was regarded by observers as a sop to the Government Workers Union, which openly resented of the alleged unfairness of the SCAP action.—United Press.

Rome, Mar. 29. Any agreement between Marshal Tito and Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the Italian Communist leader, would "cost Italy her independence," the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, declared here today.

Tax Increase Objection: Housing Scheme Delay

A recommendation that a Commission be appointed to enquire into the running of the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry, where, he alleged, "it is common knowledge that favouritism exists," was made by the Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau during the debate on the Budget in Legislative Council yesterday.

Dr. Chau said that while it was not possible to produce tangible evidence of malpractice and maladministration, there was much adverse criticism of the Department which called for an enquiry.

Another feature of a candid debate was the practically unanimous objections by Unofficial Members of Council to any increase in taxation, argument being that expenditure on the personal emoluments of the Civil Service could well be reduced.

Reference to the "intolerable delay" in Government approval of the many proposed housing schemes was made by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, who said that for months on end no reply could be obtained from Government.

MR. LANDALE Serious Defect in Administration

A strong criticism of the delays in presenting the budget, the Financial Secretary had referred to the "large floating balance available on the S.T. and I. Trading Account". No information was available as to how large this was or whether the \$1,000,000 referred to was merely a balance after it had been raided for capital expenditure.

Grants to charity and "upkeep of vehicles" appeared in several places in the Estimates. He suggested it would be easier to find the total disbursements on each item if they were given separate subheads. He also questioned the wisdom of treating Capital items as Revenue, and vice versa.

Concluding, Mr. Landale said:

"Compared with other parts of the Empire nobody could say we are over-faxed, but our general position is not really comparable with any other part of the Empire in that unduly high taxation here would drive business elsewhere."

"Before I could support any move for increased rates of taxation, I should need, firstly, to be convinced that our present administration is being run as efficiently and economically as possible, and that there is no waste. For this reason, Sir, I welcome your decision to appoint an Efficiency Expert to overhaul the machinery of Government.

"Secondly, I should need to be convinced that our taxes on their present rates are being equitably, economically and incorruptibly collected. There were my doubts when the Inland Revenue Ordinance was being debated in this Council, and no figures have yet been produced to allay these doubts."

On the subject of Revenue, he questioned the prudence of including land-sale proceeds as an item of general revenue. He

replied:

"The High Cost Of Government

The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau criticised the expenditure on personal emoluments, referring to the high cost of government. There was some dead wood in certain departments, some superfluous in the Civil List.

Mr. Chau warned that the Colony could not bear any further burdens. There was every sign of at least a mild recession in the next year or so, and the Colony was not born and might rates of taxation for some time to come. He hoped the Government would not raise the standard rate of 10 per cent in the Earnings and Profit Tax.

Another big concentration of bandits was reported near Ying-hai-en on the Gulf of Tonkin where 800 with 800 rifles and 20 light machine-guns are active. Several villages have been seized by the bandits.

Economic deterioration was given as the principal cause of banditry, although official reports said hundreds have surrendered and have been absorbed into the provincial forces. The latter to be raised by five full columns of about 10,000 men.—Associated Press.

Mr. Chau said he could see no logical argument against a State lottery. If the money were required for an urgent public project such as a tuberculosis sanatorium, he thought it would prove successful in Hong Kong.

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Advice To British Communists

London, Mar. 30. Communists must place themselves at the head of a mass movement for peace, "not because we are pacifists, but because those who would organise a new war do so against the Socialist party of the world." Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the British Communist Party, declared here today.

Mr. Pollitt told a Congress of the Young Communist League that third world war had been talked about openly in the United States, and Britain was "assisting this vile propaganda to be carried out."

If war broke out against the Soviet Union, the United States

intended that Britain should be an advance base, while the Allies, the Churchills, the Bevins and others would direct operations from a safe spot in Canada.

The Congress passed resolutions condemning the Labour Government's "purge" directed against Communist activities in the Civil Service, demanding legislation and activities illegal, and calling for the banning of incitement of race hatred.

Another resolution passed called for the withdrawal of British troops from Greece.—Reuter.

Red Attack Folds Up

Shanghai, Mar. 30. Communist General Nieh Yung-cheng's inner Mongolian offensive, which opened a week ago with a spectacular sweep into Government territory, has collapsed completely after a series of sledge-hammer blows from General Fu Tso-yl's crack units, according to pro-Government despatches today.

Nationalist troops are now described as being engaged in "large-scale mopping up" operations, especially along the railway linking the north Shansi city of Tatung and Kalgan.

Nationalist air reconnaissance is said to have established that there are no longer Communist forces of any size in the area north of the Sanggan river—in other words, the threat to Kalgan has been eliminated.

Artillery fire was audible in Changchun, capital of Manchuria, last night as Communist forces continued their search for weak points in the Government outer perimeter defences.

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KOWLOON OPIUM CASES

Long List At Magistracy

A Naive Excuse

"He was asleep and I was awake, so I took the watch," was the naive excuse given by Loung Fat-yan (28) when asked by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday what he had to say to a charge of larceny of a pocket watch from Yu Lau, 20-year-old merchant of 89, Matauwa Road, second floor, on March 27.

"Can you keep what you find in your village?" asked the magistrate. "Yes," replied defendant. "In my village (Chu Luen in the Ho Ping district) we could keep the things we picked up."

"I would sure like to be in your village," smilingly replied Mr. Latimer, who added, however, "But you can't do it here! Three months' hard labour."

According to Inspector J. Orem, defendant and Yu were fellow-passengers of the motor junk "Hong On" from San Mel to Hong Kong. Shortly after midnight on March 27, Yu went to sleep with the watch in his right upper jacket pocket. He awoke at 4 a.m. and found the watch gone.

On arrival of the junk at Hong Kong, the passengers were subjected to a random search, and the watch found by 201 PC, 3009, dangling between the legs of the defendant. Complainant immediately recognized his property, concluded Inspector Orem.

Got Money By Fraud

Plaunting guilty to obtaining various sums of money from firms by fraud, Chung Wah KI, 25, advertising agent, was sentenced to two years hard labour by Mr. F. X. Almada at Central yesterday.

The prosecution alleged that defendant collected sums of \$18 and \$36 from various firms in Kowloon, purporting to be subscriptions for the "Chung Ying Evening News."

The victims, not receiving their papers, made enquiries. The police were informed and defendant located and charged.

Defendant merely pleaded for leniency. He had a previous conviction for possession of arms. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

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MEANWHILE... IT'S GONE! MY OTHER GLOVE! IF I DROPPED IT IN THE SUBWAY... THE CLEANER'S MARK! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

BY ALEX RAYMOND

Argument In Bribe Case

An argument as to whether or not counsel could, in re-examination, touch on points not brought out in cross-examination was a feature of the fish-control bribery case before Mr. A. J. Clifford, Central Magistracy, yesterday.

Chung Koon-hau, Kwok Muk, and Ki-ming and Che Wo-hin are charged with conspiracy and bribery. First accused is being represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi and the remainder by Mr. J. C. Stewart, S. S. P. Shatkin is conducting the prosecution.

Mr. Bernacchi objected when Mr. Shatkin commenced to re-examine a witness on points he had not touched on in his cross-examination.

Mr. Clifford was of the opinion that Mr. Bernacchi's contention was incorrect, but in view of the interest of the hour further argument was held over and the case adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.

NEW ORDINANCE

The Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Ordinance to clamp down on the traffic in Hong Kong birth certificates (which was introduced in Legislative Council at the previous session) passed into law yesterday.

Young Cheung (30) who attempted to smuggle 55 taels of raw opium into the Colony on March 20 was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday. Defendant was arrested at the K.C.R. Station.

Revenue Officer D. Knox prosecuted in all cases.

PRISONER'S LEAP FROM BUS

The bold bid for liberty made by a handcuffed prisoner in the afternoon of March 6, resulting in his being shot in the leg and buttock and consequent hospitalisation, was recalled in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday by Dot-Inspector Hemsley when Chan Po-tong (20) was charged with loitering, escaping from custody, and breach of deportation order.

Accused (who was sentenced to 21 months' hard labour and ordered to be re-banished), was arrested at 2.30 a.m. on March 8 by R.C. 1052 at Canton Road for loitering, said Det.-Insp. Hemsley.

When his records were sent for, some mistake arose, with the result that accused was sent over to Hong Kong under the escort of PC 1052 for investigation.

Castle Peak Drowning

A verdict of "death by misadventure" was returned by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday at the conclusion of an inquest on Li Fook-in, 24, who was found drowned on March 11. The deceased (said Sub-Inspector Watson) was one of five workmen who were with their foreman (Chan Ching-ching) on a raft, loaded with 11 large pieces of rock, which capsized about 700 feet from the shore at Castle Peak.

There was a high wind and a rough sea at the time. When the survivors reached the shore and found deceased missing, they made a report to the Castle Peak Police Station. The body was recovered the following day.

Used Wrong Season

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Cheung Lang-kwan, 21, when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. A. J. Clifford on a charge of using a monthly ticket issued by the Tramway Co., which did not belong to him. Insp. Brownrigg said that defendant boarded tram No. 102 and when asked to pay his fare produced a monthly ticket, \$6.81. Asked if the ticket was his, he admitted it belonged to his master.

Cheung King, 30-year-old coolie, was fined \$10 with the option of serving five days' hard labour when he pleaded "Guilty" to possession of 16 taels of raw opium (found in the shoes he was wearing) at 10 p.m. on March 27 at the K.C.R. Station.

Safety Measures At Hong Kong Wharves

Safety measures recommended by the Director of Marine, Mr. Jolly, to eradicate the "fire monads" to the travelling public following the inquiry into the "Kwong Tung Disaster" (which claimed 70 lives, drowned and burned alive, on Jan. 31) will be in operation at local wharves from April 10, 1948, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

At a meeting last Thursday of shipping representatives at the Harbour Office, where the six-point recommendation was discussed, it was agreed unanimously to abide by the new regulations governing control of passenger traffic on river steamers.

Originally the date set for the enforcement was April 1, but at the conference last week it was extended to April 10 to give more time to the companies to fix up the necessary requirements. These include the erection of barriers inside the wharves, the printing of crew identification cards and the ordering of baggage coolie uniforms.

Among those attending the conference were staff members from the Hop Kwan Hong Shipping Co., Ming Sang Co., Wan Tung Co., Cheong Fung Hong, Kwangsi Navigation Co., Colonial Navigation Co., Mow Sang & Co., Yau Cheung Shipping Co., Wo Hing SS. Co., John Manners Co., Wo Cheung Fat, Mollers (Hong Kong), and Wan Tung Co.

The recommendations, which were notified by letter last March 6 to the companies concerned, cover crew identification, authorisation of coolies to handle passenger baggage, the boarding into the vessel of passengers, sale of tickets, restriction of personal luggage carried by hand and dangerous cargo.

Barriers

Regarding the crew cards, shipping companies were given a sample card, from which they are to print accordingly and distribute among their staff. Each card will bear the "chop" of the Harbour authority.

Coolies must wear "red uniforms" bearing the name of the wharf and the number of the coolie. These authorised employees will handle passenger luggage between the ship and the entrance to the wharf.

Another barrier is being erected inside each wharf where all passengers will congregate one hour before the scheduled sailing time. From there they will board the vessel, instead of the usual procedure of allowing passengers to "choose the best place" before the vessel is due to leave. The barrier will take about a week to finish, and work is already under way in all the wharves.

Hand baggage will be restricted to 40 lb. instead of the former unrestricted amounts. This will facilitate the arrangement for passenger space and lessen the danger of congestion of passengers and combustible materials.

Alleged Robbers At Sessions

The trial of Yip Yee, Yau Kun, Wong Yiu-woh and Cheung Ping-wo, who were charged in connection with robberies committed in December last in Tai Ping Shan Street and Peel Street, commenced before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), yesterday.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Dot.-Insp. T. Cashman, conducted the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Reynolds said that on Dec.

6 accused were among a party of armed and masked men who entered the 1st floor of 14, Tai Ping Shan Street. Three were armed with revolvers. The inmates on the floor were all herded into a cubicle and tied up with wire. The men then ransacked the premises, taking away with them articles to the value of \$1,844.

Some three weeks later, on Dec. 27, a similar robbery took place on the 1st floor of 12 Peel Street, the robbers in this case getting away with articles valued at \$722.

On Jan. 4, Chinese Detective Cheung Wing-kam went to 134 Wan-chai Road and there arrested the first and second accused, who made certain statements after

being cautioned. They were then taken to No. 2 Police Station, where they elected to make further statements, which were taken down in writing.

On the same day, the fourth accused was arrested. Later that evening, the first accused took a Chinese detective to a house in Chung Ching Street, where the third accused was found and arrested.

Through a pawn-ticket which had been sold by first accused to a witness named Yau Kau, a suit of Chinese clothing was recovered from a pawnshop and later identified by one of the victims of the Peel Street robbery as his property.

The jury were asked to return at 10 a.m. today, the afternoon's proceedings being occupied with arguments as to the admissibility of certain statements made by the accused.

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Hongkong, 12th March, 1948.

U.S. "CONSCRIPTION" URGED Means Of Achieving "Lasting Peace"

Washington, Mar. 30.

Bernard Baruch today urged prompt enactment of
universal military training and selective service
legislation as a means of achieving "the
stability in the world which lasting peace re-
quires."

The financier and Presidential adviser said: "The
greatest single necessity in the world today is
for America to make up its mind where it
stands so that the other free peoples on earth
know where to rally."

Baruch called also for an
"economic mobilisation plan" and said America's failure to
muster all its resources now

for peace would leave no alter-
native but to mobilise for
war in the future.

Testifying before the Senate
Armed Services Committee,
Baruch suggested the appoint-
ment of someone to "watch the
hump upon our economy" of the
partial mobilisation we are enter-
ing upon and to maintain a con-
stant inventory, balancing all our
growing commitments against
our resources."

Stop Russia

Before Baruch spoke, Chair-
man J. C. Gurney declared his
Armed Services Committee
must conclude hearings on
military phases of President
Truman's Stop Russia pro-
gramme by the end of the
week.

The South Dakota Republican's
committee is considering tem-
porary revival of the wartime
draft, permanent universal mili-
tary training and immediate ex-
pansion of the peace-time strength
of the armed forces at a cost of
\$53,445 million.

Baruch told the Committee:

Never Again

"So terrible are the destructive
potentials of modern instru-
ments of war, it is no longer
good enough to punish an ag-
gressor after he has begun a
war. Preventing war requires
outrushing our national security
before the brush is upon us.
Never again do we dare permit
our own lack of preparedness to
encourage any potential aggressor
into attacking this country or
into over-running other peaceful
nations."

"If I were to follow the
instructions given me by the Czech
organisers of the trip I should
have to assure the British public
that everything in Czechoslovakia
is perfectly safe, and that the
situation is the expression of the
will of the people," he declared.
"My conscience forbids me to
spread such lies." — Reuter.

He said: "In whatever we
undertake, we must be guided by
the necessity of not wrecking
ourselves, for that would
defeat all we attempt."

He added:

"Knowing where we stand, I
believe, would make possible re-
newed endeavour to find some
basis of settlement with the So-
viet Union. It is my hope that
an understanding with the So-
viets may yet be attained. We
should continue striving for suc-
cess in peace-making, even while
guarding against possible failure.
Only by standing guard do we
gain time to continue seeking
peace." — Associated Press.

Struggle
In Labour
Movement

Athens, Mar. 30.
Mr. Irving Brown, chief
European representative of the
American Federation of Labour,
told about 1,400 Greek trade
unionists today that "the
struggle against totalitarianism
has broken wide open in the
international labour movement."

The delegates, representing
1,270 Greek unions, were meeting
to elect new executive for the
Greek General Confederation of
Labour. Unions with Communist
executives were excluded from
the Congress for refusing to sign
a statement concerning the re-
solutions led by George Makios.

The British Trades Union
Council declined to send a repre-
sentative, while the World
Federation of Trades Unions
were not asked.

Mr. Elmer Cope, a representa-
tive of the American Congress of
Industrial Organisations, was un-
able to attend because of illness.
— Reuter.

PRAVDA CHARGE

London, Mar. 30.
A Pravda observer today
charged that Washington was in-
tervening in the Italian election
as though Italy were one of the
American States.

The Pravda comment, broad-
cast by Radio Moscow, accused
the United States of not only
supplying Premier Alcide De
Gasperi with arms but "prepar-
ing direct intervention" — United
Press.

Charged with possession of
arms and ammunition, armed
robbery by two or more and re-
ceiving stolen property. Leung
Kai, 32, Chung Wah, 20, and Ng
Kam Kit, 37, a married woman,
were all condemned for one week
by Mr. F. X. de Almeida yesterday
at the request of Detective In-
spector McPherson.

Among other guests were the
director of Air Services, Mr. A.
J. R. Moss, representatives of
competing airlines, Standard
Oil Company, and the South
East Asia Trading Company.
Messrs. Laiuw Sin-fa, Tice Suh,
Tsim Khlong and Auw Gok-lin
left for Singapore on Monday by
CPA plane.

JANE

— SO ERIC THINKS HE'S
FOUND THE HOLIDAY,
SCAMP! OR IS IT JUST
A BAIT TO LURE ME
INTO HIS ARMS?

MEETING SUCH A BIG
BAD WOLF ON THE BEACH
AT MIDNIGHT HAS ITS RISKS,
BUT I'M NO LITTLE RED
RIDING HOOD, AFTER ALL...

WHAT DO YOU ADVISE,
FRITZ? — SHALL I GO
OR NOT?

Peiping Student Trouble

Peiping, Mar. 29.

Police, troops and volun-
teers today barred approaches to
the Peiping National Uni-
versity as a move against
feared student demonstration.
No one was allowed through
the cordon.

Representatives of various
universities had intended to meet
there to protest against orders
for the dissolution of student
unions on the ground they were
employed by Communists to
create disorder. The orders came
from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
shek's Headquarters in Peiping.

The authorities feared that a
student meeting, if held, would
result in virtually an anti-
Government march through the
streets.

Student trouble has been
brewing in Peiping for some
days. Four hundred students
from Tientsin, ostensibly in
Peiping on a sight-seeing tour,
made a common course with
undergraduates here.

Last night they staged a play
at the Peiping National Uni-
versity depicting the life of Lenin
and, according to all accounts, it
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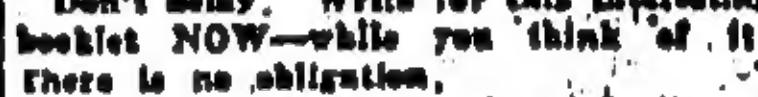
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GEN. CHIANG IS ANGRY

"I Am Head Of This Country," He Warns Recalcitrant KMT Members

"Order From Me Can't Be Changed"

Nanking, Mar. 30. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek last night castigated 54 "rebel Kuomintang" members for disobeying his order given on Saturday. "The political situation in China is charged with explosives and we must rely on the support of minor parties. Therefore, in order to show your interest in the party and allegiance to me you must give up your seats", he ordered.

"I am head of this country and an order from me cannot be changed. This problem has given me sleepless nights and even though you have received the support of the people you must obey my instructions", the Generalissimo told them during a two-hour conference.

Asked the reasons for the forcible eviction of the "hunger strikers," Chiang charged they were violating public order and discipline and he admitted that the police had been sent on his instructions to clear the National Assembly.

During an interview Chiang ridiculed the "robels" threat to "storm" the National Assembly and chided them for not taking the action they had promised.

Mo Wen-chi, leader of the group, declared last night that though three of their number had promised Chiang to give up their seats to minority parties the majority were resolved to carry out their plan and he expressed confidence that the Generalissimo would reverse his decision when the American public resented and censured the illegal and un-democratic elections was known in China.

New Constitution

Some outstanding provisions of the new constitution which assembly delegates swore to uphold yesterday are:

(1) Free elections to be held every sixth year of National Assembly by popular vote which will in turn elect the President and Vice-President of the Republic.

(2) The continuation of the "Five Yuan" system—the Legislative Yuan which enacts laws; the Executive Yuan composed of the Premier and Ministers of Government, who take executive action; Judicial Yuan, which serves as China's Supreme Court; the Examination Yuan, which is in effect the director of the civil service of the Government; the Control Yuan, which investigates irregularities and brings impeachment actions where necessary. Members of Legislative and Control Yiams are elected, the former by popular vote, the latter by provincial municipal councils.

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HIMSWORTH—At the Queen Mary Hospital on Tuesday the 30th of March to Billie, (nee Prati) wife of E. Himsworth — a son — Clive.

DEATH

HOLYOAK.—On March 17, at her residence in Buckinghamshire, England, Mrs. Nellie Holyoak, wife of the late Percy H. Holyoak, of Hong Kong.

BUDGET DEBATE

The Unofficial Members of Legislative Council are to be congratulated on maintaining the Budget debate at a consistently high level, and presenting the case against the Government, as it were, forcefully, cogently and more frankly than has at all times been the case in previous years. If the idea had been

that these are the moves the U.S. is now preparing. With them she hopes to avoid war.

In one week the pretence that gold and goods could halt the spread of Communism and save Europe has been ripped to shreds.

In these circumstances the

U.S. has taken special note of the

British announcement that the

United Kingdom is on the verge

of bankruptcy. If there is one

disaster that America cannot

possibly afford it is this.

The U.S. is determined not to

let it happen. America's need to

protect its trade and its

colonies is paramount. So long as Russia

threatens to engulf Europe America

will share her last billion

dollars with Britain, and she is

a long way from her last billion

yet.

The Party's Over

In New York war talk has

reached a crescendo. The city

has the jumps and the litters.

The atmosphere is nearly as

tense as before Pearl Harbour

and the headlines almost as

ominous.

Striving to calm the people the

statesmen have succeeded only in

inflaming fears and emotions.

Even General Marshall's call for

coolness sounded somewhat frenzied,

and ex-Secretary of State

James Byrnes' demands for imme-

diate action against Russia if she

made only an indirect move of

aggression has everyone ap-

prehensive.

Too many persons are shooting

off their mouths telling other

folk to get ready to shoot off

guns. Everyone is trying to get

into the act, warning of atomic

warfare, germ warfare, sabotage,

and the slaughter.

Conscription, the drafting of

young men into uniform, is re-

garded as inevitable, whereas six

months ago it would have been

rejected as unthinkable.

Everyone has an uneasy feel-

ing that the post-war party is over.

Not many are making long-range

plans for the future, and millions

are in this simple dilemma—

whether to blow in their dollars

in an extravagant, defiant gesture,

or to hoard their savings like

a miser.

The military men—the gen-

erals, admirals, and airmen—are

pushing aside the politicians, and

Radicals allege that Secretary of

Defence Forrestal, presiding over

the chiefs of the three Services,

is really the final figure.

General MacArthur is being

heard from in a big, and boosy

way. He is the white-haired boy

of the aged and ailing newspaper

proprietor, William Randolph

Hearst, who is whooping up

MacArthur's candidacy for the

Presidency in full-page spread

and banner headlines.

Hearst has claimed MacArthur

as his own, which must embarras

the handsome general. Many a

man accepts Hearst's embrace

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his attack at a highly vul-

nerable point, "sacredigious"

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any criticism of the University

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His key point, however, and it

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Lend-Lease To Be Revived?

Possibly Next Stage In Truman Plan
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Washington, Mar. 29. A revival of military lend-lease to Britain and other members of the Western European Union is being discussed by officials in Washington and is one of the most frequently debated topics of loading newspaper columnists.

The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, declined last week to comment on the subject, except to say that over a considerable period of time the United States had received requests from the French Government for equipment.

Military lend-lease is regarded by some observers here as the next stage in the Truman Doctrine of "containing" Soviet expansion.

The first stage was the emergency action, beginning in March, 1947, to save Greece and Turkey from falling into the Soviet orbit.

The second stage was the Marshall Plan to prevent European nations from succumbing to Communism as a result of economic collapse.

The third stage began with the formation of the Western European Union at Brussels.

Filling Vacuum

The fourth is the rearmament of the United States through conscription and increased military equipment.

The fifth stage would be the provision of arms to Western European nations to fill the military vacuum created by the lack of equipment of the Western European armies, particularly France.

No reference to military lend-lease as such has been made in any official pronouncements, despite the widespread press discussions.

The timing of any such pronouncements is regarded here as of vital importance in view of Congressional reaction. If a military lend-lease programme were put to Congress before the conscription programme has been substantially dealt with, the lend-

lease programme might be seized on as a politically tempting substitute, making conscription unnecessary.

Bigger R.A.F.?

Much of the press speculation centres on military aid to France, which is known to have some 600,000 men available in the French forces but to be seriously short of equipment and supplies.

Officials of the French Embassy described talks of such a programme as premature until the Western European powers have had an opportunity of filling in the details of their military alliance.

One entirely unconfirmed report attributes the Department of National Defence a plan for the expansion of the Royal Air Force with the help of new American planes designed to make it the most powerful defence and striking force in Europe.—Reuter.

Franco's New Slogan: "We Don't Care"

Madrid, Mar. 30. General Francisco Franco told Spanish youth on Monday the nation is a fortress of unity and its new slogan is "we do not care" if any abroad should try to incite disunion in Spain.

He spoke to a concentration of 4,500 Falange Youth at his El Pardo-palace residence and to the nation by radio.

Falange Youth, ranging from 14 to 16 years old, massed in front of the palace in tribute to Franco on the anniversary of the Civil War victory which is to be formally marked on April 1.

Franco reviewed the youths in military formation and spoke from the main balcony of the palace.

Most of the speech was devoted to an attack on the failure of the world to understand and appreciate Spain and against Russia.

"In the eclipse the world is suffering, some European countries still do not perceive dangers that we announced to the world ten years ago and the truth of our revolution," he said.

Franco was most bitter in his attack on Russia.

Referring to Spanish children evacuated to Russia during the Civil War, he added "what saddens us most is the best of our youth taken away to be educated in Communist ideals and without God."

No details of a Russian programme have been disclosed here, however.—Associated Press.

Decisive Stage In Moscow

Helsinki, Mar. 30.

Reliable sources said tonight that President Juho K. Paasikivi was drafting new instructions to the Finnish delegation now negotiating in Moscow for a friendship and defence pact with Russia.

Activities here centring about Paasikivi indicated the Moscow conference was reaching a decisive stage.

The Finnish group has been in Moscow a week for the treaty talks.

Paasikivi received his closest advisers during the day, and informed sources said Government circles reported a grave view of the current Moscow proceedings, indicating the Soviets were pressing for an end out-of-military pact.

No details of a Russian programme have been disclosed here, however.—Associated Press.

WHAT "BIZONIA" WILL NEED

Frankfurt, Mar. 29.

The Anglo-American authorities here today discussed what they should request for Bizonia under the Marshall Plan.

According to the Germans' own estimate, about £165,000,000 of the total will be covered by the proceeds of exports for the year, leaving £305,000,000 to be covered by Government contributions and the Marshall Plan.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN ELECTIONS

Bucharest, Mar. 29.

Rumania's first poll as a Republic to elect a new Constituent Assembly showed a 78 per cent majority for the Popular Democratic Front, a Government front of the United Workers (including the Communists), the National Popular Party and the Hungarian Popular Union.

More than 80 per cent of the 8,000,000 electors voted. In those constituencies which it contested, the Liberal Party, led by M. Petru Groza, polled about 10 per cent of the total votes. About 10 per cent of the votes were declared null and void.—Reuter.

Orthodox Patriarch Retiring

Istanbul, Mar. 30.

Maximos, the fifth patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, informed the Holy Synod on Sunday that he was retiring shortly from one of the world's mightiest religious thrones.

The resignation is expected to come shortly, and informed sources predicted that Archbishop Athinagoras of New York would be elected to sit as the supreme spiritual leader of the world's nearly 140,000,000 of Orthodox faith.

While no official communiqué was issued it is understood the Holy Synod promised to make Maximos Archbishop of Ephesus (in Turkish Anatolia) and give that bishopric a status which would leave Maximos first below the patriarch in the hierarchy of the church.

Maximos, who on Feb. 30, 1947 became one of the youngest patriarchs in the history of the church at the age of 51, broke down in health shortly after assuming office and has been well since.

Doctors examining his case decided he is suffering from acute melancholia brought on by the strict restrictions imposed by his high office.

He frequently has been reported as resigning but nothing definite was fixed until Sunday.—Associated Press.

BUS TRAGEDY

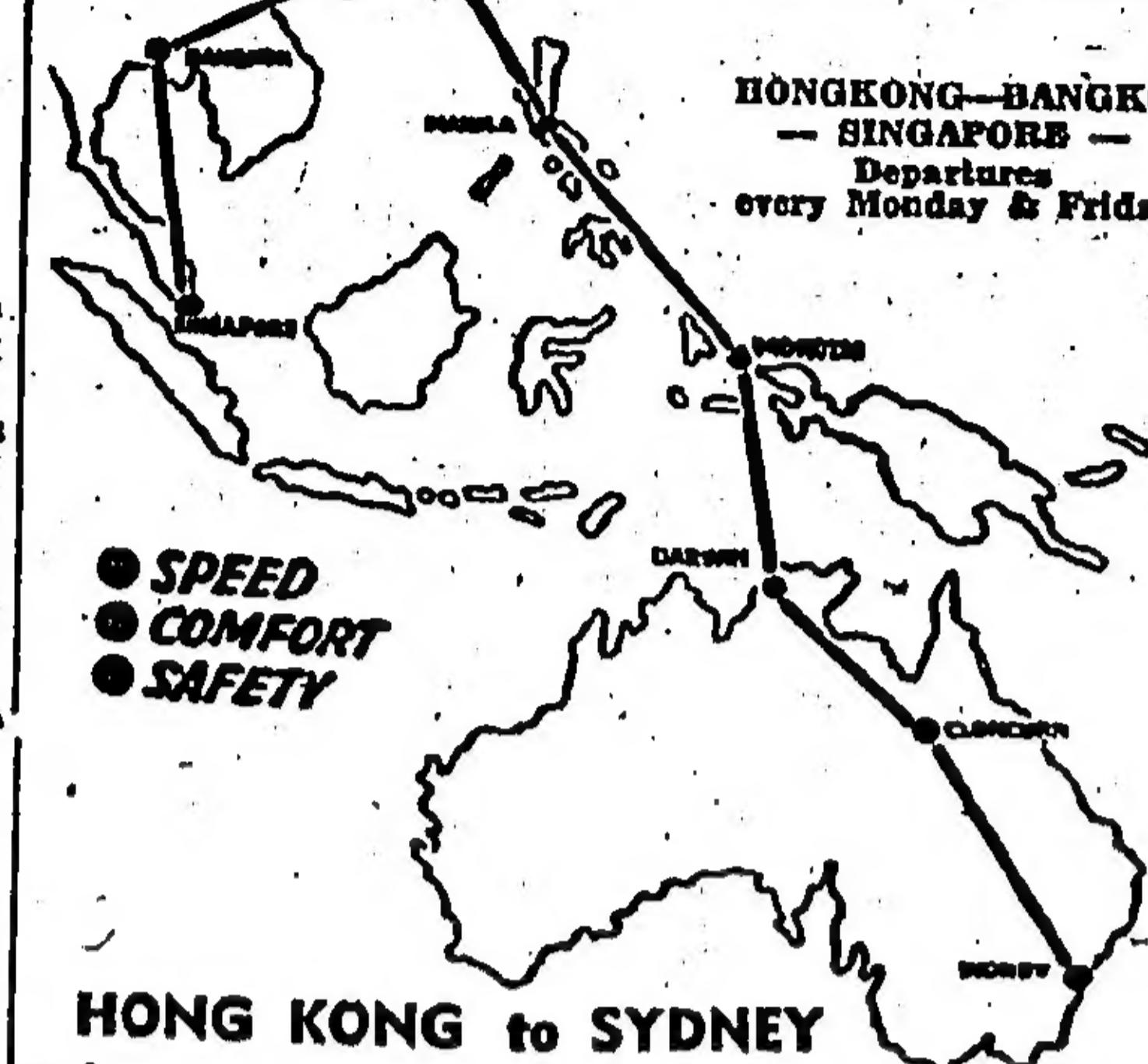
Bogota, Colombia, Mar. 30. Eleven persons died today in a burning motor bus at Duran in the Department of Santander del Norte, despatches from there said.—Associated Press.

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WINDSOR HOUSEAPPEAL TO JOURNALISTS
Need For A Code Of Honour

Geneva, Mar. 29. A strong appeal to journalists all over the world to band themselves together in defence of the ethics of their profession and draw up a journalists' code of honour was made by the Prime Minister of Mysore, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, who is leader of the Indian delegation to the Conference on the Freedom of Information, here today.

"This is not a case for government action", he told the 56-nation conference. "It is a matter for journalists themselves—for internal self-discipline.

"Let us not toss backwards and forwards the shuttlecock allegations of warmongering. If there is today an atmosphere of war, we are all, in some measure, responsible for it."

Sir Ramaswami appealed to journalists to set up a body which would have the right to censure members and expel them for actions not in accordance with journalistic ethics.

"I should like to see the journalists' profession protected by a code of honour in the same way as the medical and legal professions", he added.

At Caux, when he addressed 530 delegates attending a Moral Reinforcement Easter Assembly there, Sir Ramaswami said "the last world war is only just finished. The material and human ruins are still there. Yet after two years, people are talking of another war."

Gandhi's Work

"What has happened to the world," he asked his listeners, "that they have so soon forgotten?" adding: "The solution must be found elsewhere than in the atom bomb."

Emphasising that ways must be found for ridding the world of mistrust between nations and nation, and particularly between race and race, Sir Ramaswami paid tribute to the work of Mahatma Gandhi who, he said, "listened for that inner voice. Gandhi brought about a revolution in the mentality of my country. But one man cannot completely revolutionise the thought of a whole nation. That is why we have experienced such tragedies, because one man, even so great a man, was not enough."

The sentiments by Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar were echoed by speakers from Britain, France and Germany.

British Draft

The press in the Soviet Union and the Eastern European States was compared by Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, with that in Franco Spain.

Mr. McNeil was presenting a draft treaty aimed at securing worldwide acceptance of British principles of freedom of expression and information to the Conference.

The British Minister quoted a press decree from General Franco which announced that, for the first time, the liberty of the press would be authentically and solemnly affirmed and proclaimed that the Spanish press could never founder into a "democratic liberalism" which could foster criticism of the State.

The note continued: "The Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs finds it necessary to inform

Mr. McNeil declared: "I must say I could mirror these words by quotations from Russia, from Hungary and I fear, at the bottom of my heart, that soon, with great melancholy, I could mirror them from Czechoslovakia."

The Remedy

"Let those who attack us show me a decree from the countries of Western Europe or North America, India or Pakistan, or the British Commonwealth."

Mr. McNeil said the remedy to the Russian and Rumanian criticism of sections of the British and American press "is not the manufacture of more manacles and more chains."

"The remedy is to open the doors which are closed, to give to the trained reporter the opportunity to report, to afford the traditional newspaper's ability to publish, to take the gag off radio stations and to take the blinkers off the people."

"The remedy is not publication but more."

He said the basic and continuing differences between the Soviet press and that of the Western democracies was that "our constant intention is to run risks rather than restrict or repress, whereas, on the other side, repression takes place ruthlessly rather than that a Soviet or Slav Government should run any risks of having its policy challenged." — Reuter.

One of the tasks assigned to the investigators is to track down reports that the holders of export licences have sold them for fees and that the transferred licences have been used to export mislabelled materials. — Reuter.

Nassau, Bahamas, Mar. 29.

Miss Elizabeth Murphy, 17-year-old second daughter of Sir William Murphy, Governor of the Bahamas, was seriously injured, and Mr. Anthony Berry, 22-year-old son of Lord Kemsley, the British newspaper magnate, slightly injured, in a motor accident here today. — Reuter.

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STRIKERS DEMONSTRATE.—Ministry of Works engineer attendants and liftmen march through Shaftesbury Avenue on March 17 to Hyde Park to draw attention to their claims. (A. P. Photo)



SUBMISSION RECORD.—This Italian inventor, Pietro Vassena, about to enter a mid-air submarine in which he claims to have reached a depth of 760 feet. He is trying to make 1,300 feet. (A. P. Photo)



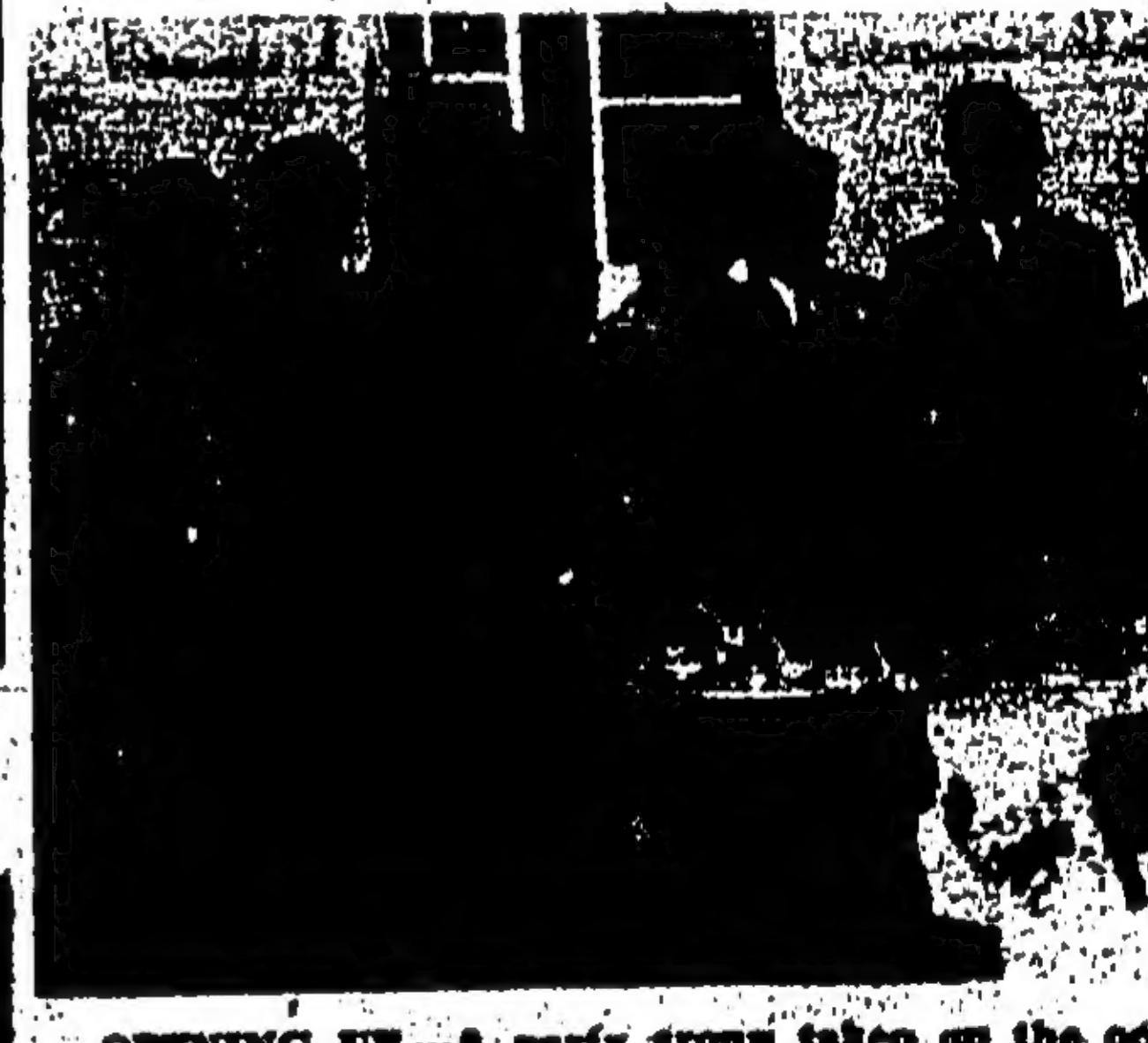
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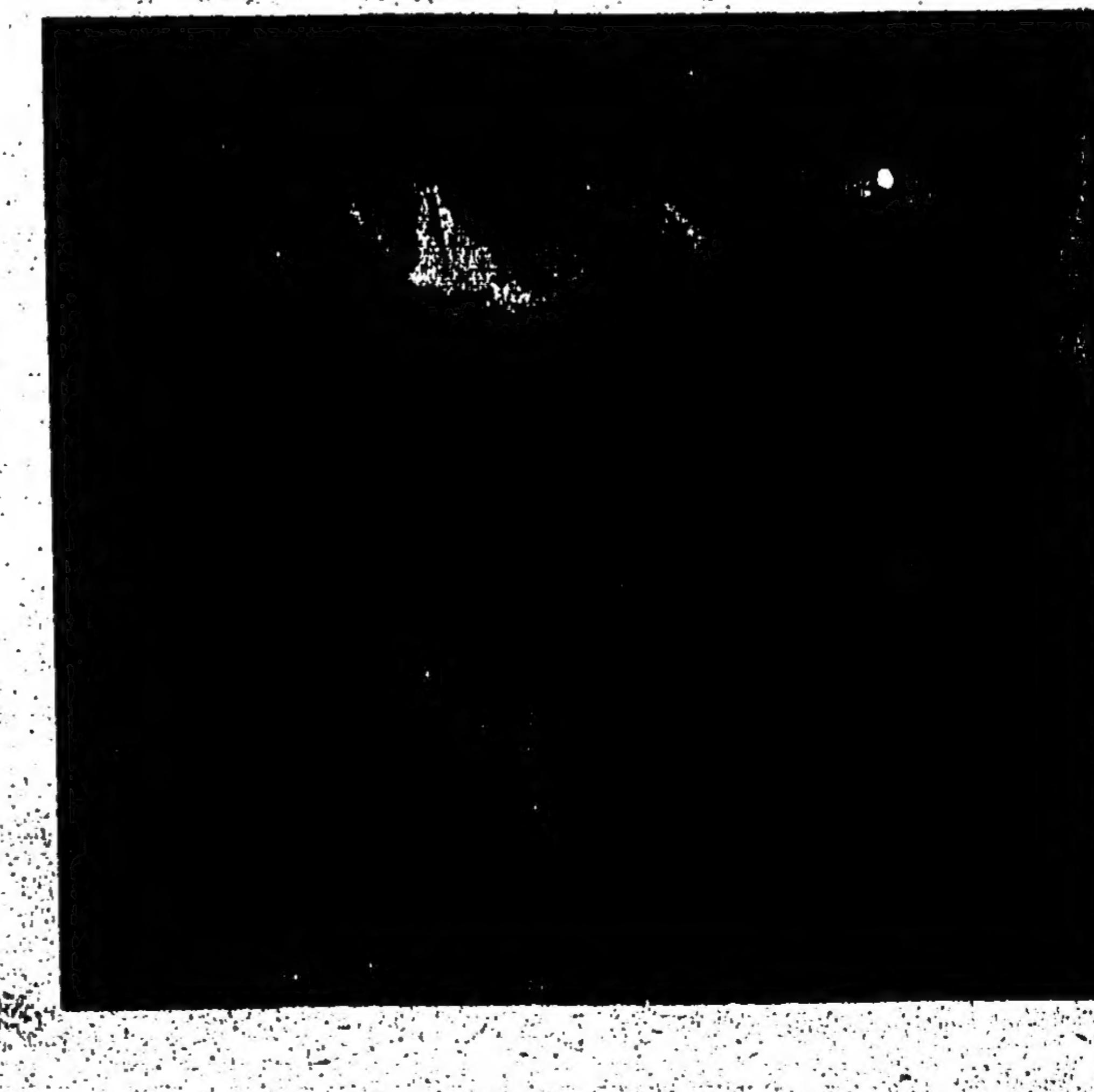
GRETNA GYNT is to display British fashion in the United States in the next few weeks, and above and below are typical examples. Above she models a grey crepe mohair, trimmed and belted, and below, a black straw hat with shaded roses. (A. P. Photo)



AUSTERITY NEW LOOK.—To achieve the New Look, the belt on one of her coats, Photo on left, shows the belt as it is and on right, with the fourth band added.



OPENING UP.—A party given taken on the opening night of the new branch of the Metropolitan Construction



MONDAY SUPPLEMENT

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JUNIOR SHIELD.—Winners of the Junior Shield, South China, receiving, through their captain, the trophy from the hands of Mrs. J. Skinner, wife of the chairman of the H.M.F.A. (China Mail Photo)



WINNING SIDE.—The South China Junior team which defeated the Navy 1-0, rather fortunately, in the Junior Shield Final. (China Mail Photo)

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COFFEE—Picture taken at a dinner party given by David Bowes in honour of Maurice A. Milner and T. R. Atfield representing Canada in the Far East. David Bowes are the local agents. (Mo. China)

SCOUTS.—The 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts troupe photographed at the Seamen's Institute. (China Mail Photo)

MARRIED.—Mr. Wong Cheuk-yan and Miss Lee Sui-ye at the Chem Shun Wu Christian Church recently. This photograph was taken after the ceremony. (Ministed Studio)



FILMS TO SEE IN APRIL



"DEAR MURDERER."—A grim scene from the drama-thriller showing in Hong Kong this week.



"BASHFUL ROMEO."—Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo (on right) in a scene from "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty."



"SINGAPORE."—Fred MacMurray and Ava Gardner (left) get to grips in "Singapore" playing this week in Hong Kong.



"CALIFORNIA."—Barbara Stanwyck and Ray Milland caught at a tense moment in "California."

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REPORT OF AIR BOMBING OF
JAFFA WITHDRAWNMore Jews Killed In
Arab Ambushes

Jerusalem, Mar. 29. The Palestine Government tonight denied its own earlier statement that a Jewish aircraft had bombed the Arab seaport of Jaffa from the air today. First reports said that three bombs landed near two schools in Jaffa, well outside the mortar range of Jewish gun positions on the borders of Tel Aviv, and that the engine of a plane was heard shortly before they fell. Tonight's Government correction said investigation had proved that the "bombs" were three-inch mortar shells. No official explanation was given for the mistake.

According to reports reaching Jerusalem earlier tonight, a Jewish aircraft was reported to have bombed Jaffa—twin city to the all-Jewish town of Tel Aviv. The official Government announcement had said that three bombs, "thought to have been dropped by planes," landed near Freres School and the Greek Orthodox School in Jaffa early today. They caused slight damage to the buildings but no casualties were suffered.

The police stated that the engine of a plane was heard over Jaffa shortly before the "bombs" fell in a direct line in an area well outside the mortar range of Jewish positions on the borders of Tel Aviv.

A Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem said he did not know anything about the air bombing, however.

British Warning

During the Arab attack on the Jewish convoy south of Bethlehem during the week-end, four Jewish aircraft had dropped a score of anti-personnel bombs on the attacking Arabs, causing three casualties.

A blunt Palestine Government warning that the British security forces in Palestine will no longer rescue Jewish convoys if they continue to disregard British instructions and are attacked by Arabs was issued here today.

The announcement added that the rescue of the majority of the Jews, ambushed south of Bethlehem during the week-end, was the direct result of the combined efforts of the Administration, the police and the Army in protracted negotiations with the Arab commanders.

A British announcement said the convoy left Jerusalem without notifying the authorities of its arrangements. When the officer commanding the Second Infantry Brigade warned the convoy on its return journey that the road had been heavily blocked by Arabs and that it should return to the settlement of Kfar Ezion, his warning was ignored.

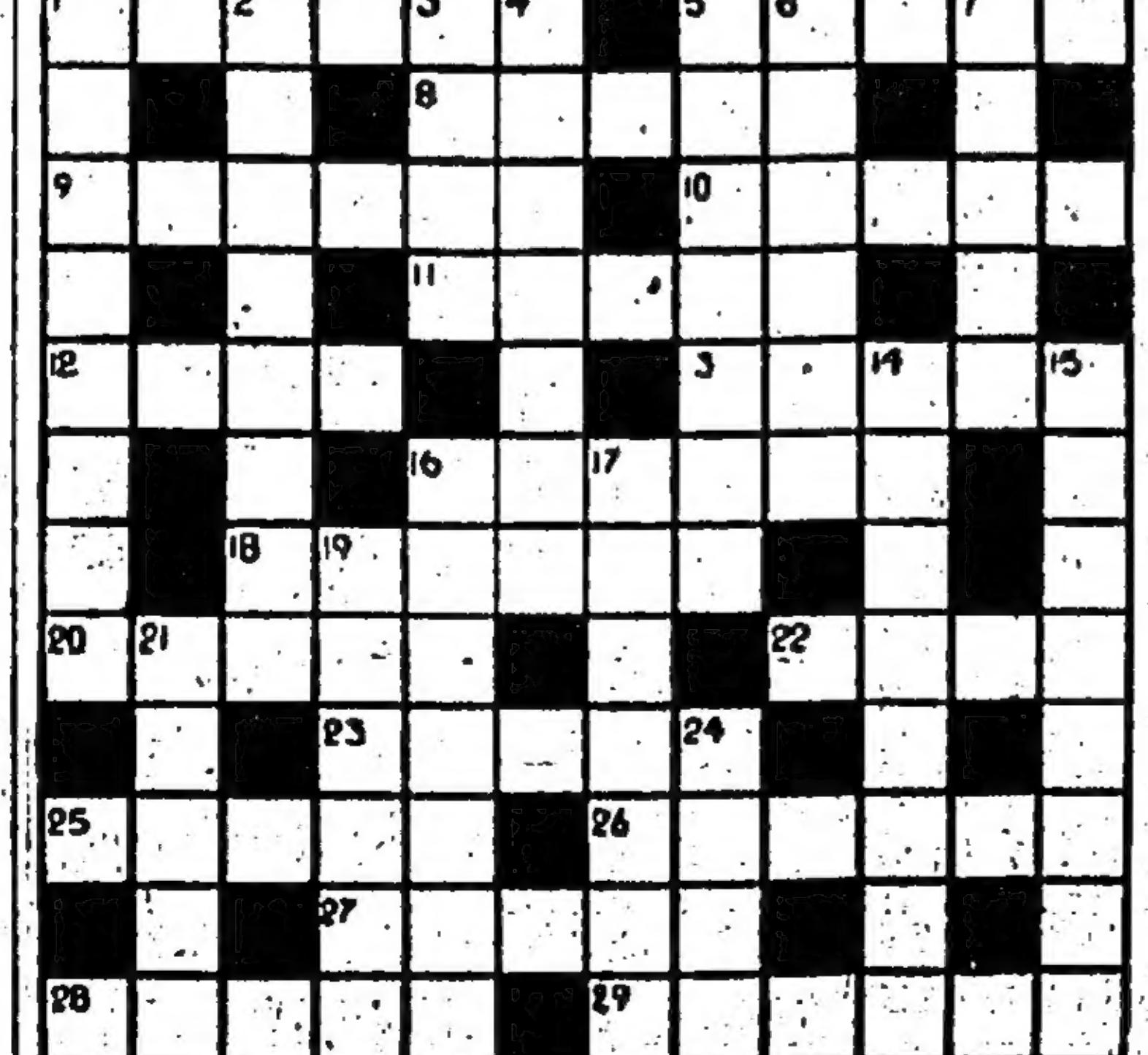
Britons Freed

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Six Jews and a Jewess were killed when their armoured car was blown up during an attack on an Arab village in the area of Lydda, the international airport.

A group of 737 Jewish illegal immigrants into Palestine left Haifa for Cyprus on board the ferry ship Empire Rival. They had been brought into harbour in the Yehiam a single-masted schooner with an auxiliary engine, intercepted by the Royal Navy yesterday 65 kilometres off Palestine. Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Root, vegetable.
- 2 Crooked.
- 3 Principle.
- 4 Chief.
- 5 Hascal.
- 6 Part of a bicycle.
- 7 Sharp.
- 8 Experiment.
- 9 Aroma.
- 10 Root.
- 11 Part of a bony part.
- 12 Discourse.
- 13 Spirit.
- 14 Sharp.
- 15 Smear.
- 16 Summary.
- 17 Flash.
- 18 Chase.
- 19 Unbeliever.
- 20 Bony part.
- 21 Discourse.
- 22 Spirit.
- 23 Manservant.
- 24 Gristed.
- 25 Dives.
- 26 Dull.
- 27 Avaricious.
- 28 Gristed.
- 29 Smear.
- 30 Dives.
- 31 Glum.
- 32 Avail.
- 33 Ill.
- 34 Played.
- 35 Noisily.
- 36 Judgment.
- 37 Injured.
- 38 Creation.
- 39 Lay, waste.
- 40 Money.
- 41 Abound.
- 42 Dull.
- 43 Played.
- 44 Revives.
- 45 Afar.
- 46 Nose.
- 47 Acid.
- 48 Pool.
- 49 Reserve.
- 50 Ideal.
- 51 Ugly.
- 52 Lamb.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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- 2 Crooked.
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- 4 Chief.
- 5 Hascal.
- 6 Part of a bony part.
- 7 Sharp.
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U.S. Navy Orders
Jet Planes

Burbank, Calif., Mar. 29. The United States Navy has placed a \$6,000,000 order with the Lockheed Aircraft Company for 50 jet aircraft of the type P-80, the company announced here today.

This follows the Navy's disclosure that it plans to build up its own force of carrier-based jet aircraft. Reuter.

God Is His
Counsel

Boston, Mass., Mar. 29. Mr. Robert H. Best, 51-year-old American, acted as his own lawyer, maintaining "God is my counsel," when his trial on treason charges began in the Federal Court here today.

Best, a former journalist born in South Carolina, was accused of "star-time" broadcasts for the Nazis. He lived for 20 years in Vienna.

Eight voluntary witnesses from Germany and Austria flew to the United States earlier this month to testify at the trial.

The maximum penalty for treason is death and the minimum five years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000. Reuter.

WAR CLOUDS GATHERED
MORE DENSELY

London, Mar. 30. The Yorkshire Post in its editorial today says that "as the sands run out and the termination of the British mandate in Palestine draws nearer, the clouds of war are visibly gathered more densely on the horizon."

"It cannot be said," the paper declared, "that American statesmanship has done anything during the last few days to throw a gleam of hope across the picture.... President Truman's Good Friday statement in particular must be written down as calculated merely to make confusion worse confounded...."

Commenting on the Jewish threat to set up a national state on the day following the termination of the mandate, the Yorkshire Post said: "There can be no hope of a settlement on these lines. Such statements serve only to declare the two contestants' resolve to fight to the bitter end—an end which will assuredly be bitter for both."

"Two Conditions
Two conditions must be fulfilled if there is to be any hope, however slight, of better things."

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"We have urged before that the peace can be kept only by force which is manifestly impossible to resist. Such a force the United States alone can supply. The best lead it can give to every member of the United Nations is to show that it is willing to play a part consistent with its position as the strongest of the great powers."—Associated Press.

U.S. Delegation To
Urge Truce

Lake Success, Mar. 29. The American delegation to the United Nations has been instructed to press in the immediate future for a truce in Palestine and a special session of the General Assembly, a delegation spokesman said here today.

No decision had been taken on the submission to the Security Council of the American proposal for trucekeeping, he added. This was taken as indicating that the United States might not bring the trucekeeping plan before the Security Council, but might wait until the Assembly was called.

The United States was stated here to be ready to submit to the Security Council tomorrow two resolutions—one containing President Truman's call for a truce and the other calling for a special Assembly session.

The report that Britain might decide to stay on in Palestine was reiterated today by the pro-Zionist newspaper, the New York Post.

In a despatch from Lake Success, it said that if the Jewish Agency failed to yield to "pressure" to accept something less than partition, "some new drastic American or British move may be expected."

"The war of nerves already is pointing in that direction. "Reports continue that America's troops may be committed to help enforce a temporary trusteeship of the Holy Land. The British, moreover, are letting it be known that they might consider staying on if the Jews and Arabs reach a truce."—Reuter.

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Semarang, Batavia
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Copenhagen/
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early June.

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Los Angeles 9th April m.v. "ANDAMAN"

SAILINGS

For Date Vessel
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

FOREIGN-AID BILL HURDLES ITS FIRST OBSTACLE

Washington, Mar. 30.
The US\$6,205,000,000 foreign aid bill hurdled its first House obstacle today and headed toward the scheduled approval on Wednesday. Opponents were beaten in an attempt to throw out the whole bill and pass a substitute providing for a private system of relief for non-Communist foreign nations.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The market opened quietly and remained so throughout the day. Quotations showed little variation with the exception of Hong Kong Lands oil shares which have slipped from 95c date on March 28 to 85c business reported Tuesday, cum dividend of 32c.

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China Underwriters 7.50a.
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Douglas 20½a.
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Shells (Hearst) 76.4a.
U. Waterfront 40a.

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(N) (P. Pd.) 12c.
H.K. Docks 32½b, 55½a, 55½a.
China Provident (X.D.) 28½a.
Kwangtung Dockyards 36a.

MINING
Raft Mines 6½a.
H.K. Mines 63a.

HOTELS & BLDGS.
H.K. & S. Hotel 10½a, 10½a/10a.
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SHIPPING LINES
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China (U.S.) 24½a; (New) 10½a.

H.K. Electric 61½a, 81½a, 81½a.

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10a.

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Cold. Mtns. (Old) 21½a.

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Sun Co., Ltd. 61a.

Kwong Sang Hong 20a.

Wing On (H.K.) 14a.

Wm. Powell, Ltd. 18a.

MISCELLANEOUS

China Entertainments (X.D.) 35½a.

H.K. Constructions (Old) 5½b; (N) 8a.

Vibor Pillers 10a.

Maritime Investments 18/20.

Marman (H.K.) 14a.

COTTONS

Euwe 18a.

N.Y. RUBBER

New York, Mar. 30.

Crude rubber futures closed 30 to 40 higher with sales of 140 contracts.

May 20, 1948, July 20, 1948, September 20, 1948, December 20, 1948, No. 1 ribbed, smoked sheets: 21½ nominal.—Associated Press.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

New York—Silver, Bar (asked price) 74½c et al.

Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$32; (N.Y. unofficial) unquoted.

Buenos Aires—Sovereign, 72.30

buyers, 74.00 sellers; U.S. Eagles,

131.00b, 133.00b; Gold, Bar, per

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taels. Exchange Rate (Selling).

Bangkok on New York T. T.

21.50; London 61.25; Hongkong 3.68.—Reuter.

LAUNCH AGROUND OFF MARGATE

London, Mar. 20.

An SOS sounded on a siren, and flares today brought the Margate lifeboat to the rescue of an ex-naval launch which had gone aground on a sandbank with four persons on board.

The launch, undamaged, was towed into Margate harbour and its crew, who were uninjured, will probably continue their journey in it from Medway to Scotland.—Reuter.

Athens, Mar. 29.

The cargo ship, "Besta," which

was scuttled during the war off the Gulf of Corinth and recently was refloated, struck a mine on Monday off Crete and sank.

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The "Besta" was on her way to Alexandria for repairs.—Associated Press.

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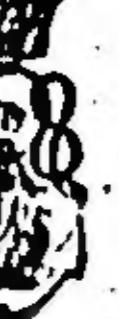
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"TSINAN"..... Pusan 4 p.m. 2nd April
"YUNNAN"..... Swatow 3 p.m. 3rd April
"SHEKONG"..... Singapore 10 a.m. 4th April
"WANYANG"..... Shanghai 5 p.m. 5th April
"SZECHUEN"..... Tientsin 10 a.m. 7th April
"FOOCHEW"..... Swatow, Saigon 4 p.m. 8th April
"WUSUEH"..... Bangkok, Batavia, Sourabaya
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"TSINAN"..... Swatow 9 a.m. 2nd April
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"WANYANG"..... Tientsin, Foochow & Shanghai 3rd April
"TSZCHUEN"..... Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow 4 p.m. 4th April
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Pool via Bangkok

Apr. 1, BOAC (Capt. Allen)

2 p.m. Manila

Mar. 31, Pan-American, 12.45

p.m. April 2, Cathay Pacific, 12.30

p.m. April 6, Cathay Pacific, 12.30

p.m. Shanghai

Mar. 31, Philippine Airlines,

12 noon.

Mar. 31, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

April 1, Pan-American, 4.45

p.m. Canton

H.K. Airways, four times

daily: 10.55 a.m. 1.05 p.m., 3.30

p.m., 5.55 p.m.

Singapore

April 3, BOAC (Capt. Briggs)

4 p.m. Singapore via Bangkok

Mar. 31, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

April 4, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

April 7, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Iwakuni

April 3, BOAC (Capt. Steud)

3 p.m. San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila)

Mar. 31, Pan-American, 12.45

p.m. April 3, Pan-American, 12.45

p.m. San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)

April 1, Pan-American, 4.15

Departures To:

Poole via Bangkok

Mar. 31, BOAC (Capt. Forster)

8 a.m. Manila

Mar. 31, Philippine Airlines, 1

Singapore via Bangkok

April 2, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

April 5, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

Canton

H.K. Airways, four times

daily: 9 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 1.40

p.m., 4 p.m.

Iwakuni

April 2, BOAC, 0.30 a.m.

San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Guam, Wake & Manila)

April 1, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

April 5, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco

(Via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake & Honolulu)

April 2, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

April 8, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

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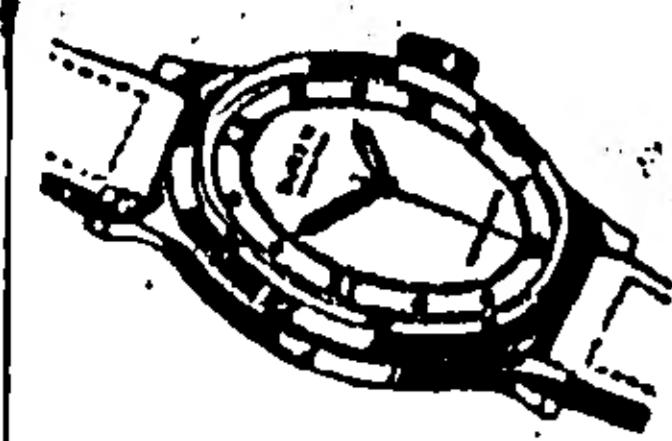
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U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA

Washington, Mar. 29. Informed sources today said that the United States had increased its military occupation force in Southern Korea by about 50 per cent during the past fortnight. The sources said American troops strength there had now been brought up to 20,000 men, compared with 13,000 a short time ago.—United Press.

Communism In South Africa

Capetown, Mar. 29. The South African Nationalist (Opposition) Party leader, Dr. Malan, said here today that Communism among coloured people in the Union must be "condemned". The best way that this could be done would be by creating better living conditions and strict legal measures, he said, in the second part of a statement, the first of which was issued yesterday, calling for racial separation in South Africa.

The Nationalist Party's policy guaranteed good relationships between Europeans and coloured people, while the economic, social and political friction between the races must be eliminated.—Reuter.

But Who Is 'Palestine'?

Washington, Mar. 29. Representative Multer, Democrat for New York, urged that Palestine proclaim its sovereignty at once.

"There is nothing in the United Nations charter prohibiting such an action", Multer told the House.

He said: "This is no time for hysteria" with respect to the U.S. administration's about-face on Palestine partition.

It is his "firm belief", he said, that President Truman and the State Department should have made known all the facts before announcing the interim trusteeship plan for Palestine. "We have a right to demand them now," Multer said. "I have a full and frank statement will be forthcoming without delay."

He said that with respect to Palestine the threat to world peace is due to lack of arms by the Jews sufficiently to defend themselves.

"The remedy for that," he said, "is to lift now the embargo on arms shipments to Palestine."—Associated Press.

Shanghai Looks To Its Defences

Shanghai, Mar. 30. To strengthen the local security forces, the Shanghai police authorities have decided to expand the existing "flying fortress" units (armoured car squads), according to Chinese press reports.

In addition to recruiting and training of new personnel for these "flying fortresses", the police headquarters intend to equip all of these special policemen with better and more modern arms. The plan for expanding and reorganizing the "flying fortress" units is reported to have been approved by the Commissioner of Police Bureau, Schobert Yu.

It is learned today that officials of the Social Affairs Bureau are working overtime to complete the details for the enforcement of the new regulations prohibiting the hoarding of daily necessities such as rice, flour, etc.

These officials revealed that the new regulations embody a revision of part of the emergency economic measures relating to the punishment of hoarders.

Reports from Nanking said a sweeping programme for the stabilization of the economic situation, covering industrial, agricultural and social aspects of the national life, has been

Chiang Hailed As "A Partner"

Washington, Mar. 29. The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican from Michigan) will file in the Senate tomorrow a revised Committee report on China, hailing the Chiang Kai-shek government as a partner with the United States in a "common front against Communist aggression".

The document will replace the report highly critical of the Chiang regime, which was withdrawn by Senator Vandenberg with "regrets" on Saturday.

Senator Vandenberg plans to make the revised report public shortly before he asks quick approval of the US\$403,000,000 for civil and military aid to Chiang's Nationalist Government.

The new report is closely identified with the United States "quarantine Communism" programme.

Sections of the previous report roundly criticizing Chiang's military and civilian leaders for ineptitude and corruption were deleted.

Tangible Proof

The new report says, "In the judgment of the Committee, the Nationalist Government of China, led for 20 years through tremendous difficulties by the selfless patriotism of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, represents our common contest against threats to international peace and security and against Communist aggression and deserves support within our resources as proposed in this act."

The report terms the old programme "tangible proof of American interest in the independence and integrity of China and in the welfare of the Chinese people."

It defends the old bill as a United States "vote of confidence in China, her people and their long, heroic resistance to aggressors at home and abroad".

Senator Vandenberg ordered the withdrawal of the original report, stating it did not reflect the viewpoint of the Committee on its chairman." He said that, although the document was prepared by the Committee, staff members had not had an opportunity to review the report fully before publication.

Bohle Confesses To Crimes

Frankfurt, Mar. 29. The first defendant in the history of Nuremberg war crimes trials to plead guilty has told the court yesterday that he committed war crimes against humanity.

The surprise plea came from Ernest Wilhelm Bohle, 44, former SS Lieutenant-General supervisor of Nazi fifth columns.

Bohle said that other courts had found his subordinates guilty and he could not "shift to others the burden of responsibility and its consequences."

The confession came just after the American prosecution rested its case against Bohle in the criminal programme of aggression, war, torture and murder.

No other defendant has pleaded guilty in war crimes trials although 180 Nazi generals, admirals, industrialists and diplomats have passed before the court.

Bohle said he was "not guilty" like the others when he was first arraigned last December. Yesterday he admitted he took part in the racial and religious persecution of Germans and other nationalities.

The American authorities after consultation, agreed to drop all charges against Bohle except the one of war crimes against humanity.

In the section commenting on the new programme, Senator Vandenberg ordered deletion of an assertion closely paralleling language used by the Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall. This de-

Stop Order On Locomotives

Washington, Mar. 29. Finland may not get 48 surplus American steam locomotives although that country's bid was the highest.

War Assets Administrator Jess Larson clamped a 30-day delaying order on the sale. No reason was given for the order.

The locomotives made up this country's entire stock of surplus.

It was indicated that the order resulted from a recent Congressional concurrence over the disposal of war material to Russia.

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Three days remand was granted by Mr. A. J. Clifford at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Chu Hing, 32 unemployed, appeared before him on a charge of being in possession of 38 revolver and five rounds of ammunition at the Lai Kee Cafay on March 29.

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It was the first stop order any government agency has issued on the sale of surplus material to a foreign country.—United Press.

KITCHEE BEAT SING TAO

Kitchee beat Sing Tao in a rearranged First Division Football League match on the Club Ground yesterday.

Three penalties were awarded and two were converted, in a game that lacked the tension of a cup-tie.

Kit Chee managed to settle down to a long passing game and although they were not rewarded till 25 minutes of play they looked more dangerous than a Sing Tao team who had to juggle the ball for a perfect shot.

This hesitancy in front of goal led to the Kit Chee defence being able to clear their lines on many occasions. Kit Chee crossed over on level terms and took the lead shortly after. Although Sing Tao equalised early in the second half they could not hold the lively Kit Chee men and the third goal set the seal on their

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